charge Rs.15/- per kilolitre and Rs.37/- per kilolitre on HSD and petrol respectively from such dealers who makes the payment through cheques;

(b) whether the oil corporations are collecting above charges from the local dealers on cheque facility and are adversely affecting their financial position; and

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination and by when it would be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The dealers making payment through demand draft are compensated at the rate of Rs.16 per kilolitre for HSD and Rs.40 per kilolitre for MS. No amount is charged by the oil companies from the dealers who make payments through cheques.

Demand and Supply of CNG

651. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to make easy availability of C.N.G. all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any study to assess the demand and supply of C.N.G. in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to fulfil the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Due to logistic, operational and supply constraints, it is not feasible to make CNG available throughout the country.

(c) to (e) Does not arise in view of above.